

## **ABSTRACT**

**CREATIVE PROJECT:** Friendship Hill Through the Years: A Guidebook to its Architectural Evolution

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From 1789- 1825, Friendship Hill served as the home of Albert Gallatin, the United States Secretary of the Treasury during presidencies of Jefferson and Madison. In the 1980s, the property became a National Historic Site maintained by the National Park Service and underwent an extensive exterior and interior restoration. The staff at Friendship Hill only interprets the life story of Albert Gallatin and his family. The architectural story of the house is important to its interpretation because its construction phases correlate with different events in Albert Gallatin's personal and political life.

This creative project is a guidebook that adequately explains and interprets the architecture of Friendship Hill and strictly focuses on the architectural features of the house with an overview of ownership to explain how the National Park Service gained stewardship of the property. The project concludes with a final analysis of the National Park Service's stewardship of the park and a few interpretation recommendations.